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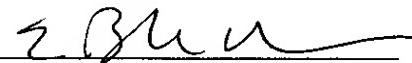
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Sir:

Further to the above-identified Application and the outstanding Action therein dated June 24, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 24, 2003, the Applicant respectfully requests said shortened statutory period be extended for three months, until December 24, 2003.

Please refer to the enclosed Transmittal Letter for the authorization of charging the extension fees in the amount of \$950.00 to Applicant's deposit Account 50-0370.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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